

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Dodge County) Application No. 911-023.06
Public Safety Answering Point,)
Fremont, seeking funding) ORDER DENYING FUNDING REQUEST
approval for recurring and non-)
recurring costs of Enhanced)
Wireless 911 implementation.) Entered: August 14, 2007

In the Matter of Fremont Police) Application No. 911-023.68
Department, Public Safety)
Answering Point, Fremont,)
seeking funding approval for) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
recurring and non-recurring)
costs of Enhanced Wireless 911)
implementation.) Entered: August 14, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated January 22, 2007, Dodge County PSAP and Fremont Police Department (Fremont PD), jointly sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Dodge County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$55,791.01** for the purchase and installation of certain equipment upgrades necessary to implement enhanced wireless 911 service at the Dodge County PSAP. Additionally Fremont PD sought **\$18,493.35** for the upgrade of PowerMap software necessary to implement enhanced wireless 911 service at the Fremont PD PSAP, which also serves Dodge County.

Supporting documentation for the equipment and software has been provided. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Dodge County's and Fremont PD's request at its March 23, 2007 meeting and recommended that the Commission deny the request because of the need to designate a primary PSAP and because it appeared that the funding request was received after the February 16, 2007 deadline. It should be noted that although the request for funding form was dated after the February 16, 2007, the request itself and the supporting documentation was received prior to the deadline.

Pursuant to the Interim Policy established in Docket No. 911-017/PI-116 in an order entered by the Commission on February 13, 2007 and subsequent to the Advisory Board recommendation, Fremont

PD has been designated as the primary PSAP and is the only PSAP in the county to receive funds from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund.

Although no separate pricing exists in the responses to the Commission's Request for Proposal (RFP), the costs listed in the supporting documentation for the PowerMap upgrade appear reasonable in light of the pricing available in the vendor's response.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

This request for additional funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-470. (Cum. Supp. 2006), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002 and the Interim Policy established in Progression Order No. 1 in Commission Docket No. 911-017/PI-116, entered February 13, 2007 (Interim Policy).

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that costs requested for Fremont PD, subject to the limitations set forth below, are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as all costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

However, as Dodge County is not the designated PSAP, and the Commission is not currently funding more than one PSAP per county, costs submitted on behalf of Dodge County are not eligible for funding.

This funding request is being considered as having been received prior to February 16, 2007. Pursuant to the Interim Policy, the Commission therefore considers this funding request for Fremont PD for full reimbursement without being subject to the wireless/landline allocation factor established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order.

The Commission further finds that Fremont PD's funding request shall be granted as the pricing appears consistent with responses to the RFP.

Therefore, Fremont PD's request for funding should be granted in the amount of **\$18,493.35** in non-recurring costs subject to the

limitations set forth herein. Said amounts are consistent with the pricing set forth in the vendor's response to the RFP.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Fremont PD the amount of **\$18,493.35** consistent with the terms of this order. Fremont PD may request that these amounts be paid directly to the vendor.

Should Dodge County or Fremont PD wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request that have been denied, they shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

The Commission reserves the right to modify any recurring costs associated with this funding request consistent with amendments to the Interim Policy or the establishment of a permanent funding mechanism.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Fremont PD the amount of **\$18,493.35** consistent with the terms of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dodge County's funding request is denied as Fremont PD is the designated PSAP for the county.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED should Dodge County or Fremont PD wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request that have been denied, it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 14th day of August, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director